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December 18, 2013

Commissioner Robert L. Burns
Arizona Corporation Commission
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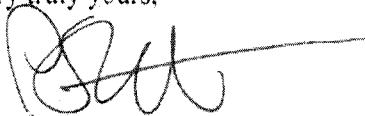
RE: THE ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE (AEP CO) AND SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE (SWTC) RESPONSE TO YOUR DECEMBER 6, 2013 LETTER ON PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES IN RELATION TO THE CLOSED RETAIL ELECTRIC COMPETITION DOCKET (COMPETITION DOCKET); INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS DOCKET NO. E-00000J-13-0375

Dear Commissioner Burns:

I am the Chief Financial Officer for AEP CO and SWTC (the Cooperatives). In response to the questions posed in your December 6, 2013 letter, we provide the following information:

- 1) AEP CO and SWTC did not spend any money on general public relations or lobbying efforts in relation to the Competition Docket. The Cooperatives did, however, spend approximately \$9,205.08 in producing a video and some printed informational materials which were distributed/made available to our employees, our member distribution cooperatives and their retail members concerning anticipated impacts of retail electric competition.
- 2) None of the Cooperatives' salaried staff spent time on any public relations/lobbying campaign in relation to these issues. An AEP CO employee did devote approximately 24 hours and incurred approximately \$1,343.70 in travel expense in coordinating the preparation and distribution of the video and printed materials to our members and employees as discussed above.
- 3) Neither AEP CO nor SWTC anticipates a request for recovery of these amounts in a future rate case.

Very truly yours,



Peter F. Scott
Chief Financial Officer
Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
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